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**Congresswoman Doris Matsui Recognizes October as National Crime Prevention Month**

**WASHINGTON, DC** - This October, Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (D-Sacramento) is reaffirming her commitment to the safety of our local community by supporting awareness activities as part of National Crime Prevention Month. As shown in her support of the Victims of Crime Act Preservation Fund Act, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and her own bill, the Cruise Vessel Safety and Security Act, Congresswoman Matsui has been a strong advocate for giving members of the community the resources needed to prevent and prosecute crimes.

“The community is our biggest resource and the most effective tool in the fight against crime,” said Rick Braziel, Sacramento’s Chief of Police. “Information is power and keeping the community informed of what is going on in their neighborhood and providing them with strategies on how to avoid being victimized empowers them and encourages strong community-police partnerships.”

Congresswoman Matsui underscored the importance of community-police partnerships, stating, “While the Sacramento crime rate has dropped 9.5% in the past year, we recognize that such progress is only made possible by awareness of important issues such as victimization, volunteerism, and the need for a strong community. It is my hope that Sacramentans come together this month to continue to work together to keep crime at bay.”

Since 1984, October of each year has been recognized as National Crime Prevention Month. The month has become a platform for supporting the practice of crime prevention, and encouraging important issues such as creating a safe, caring, and cohesive community.

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